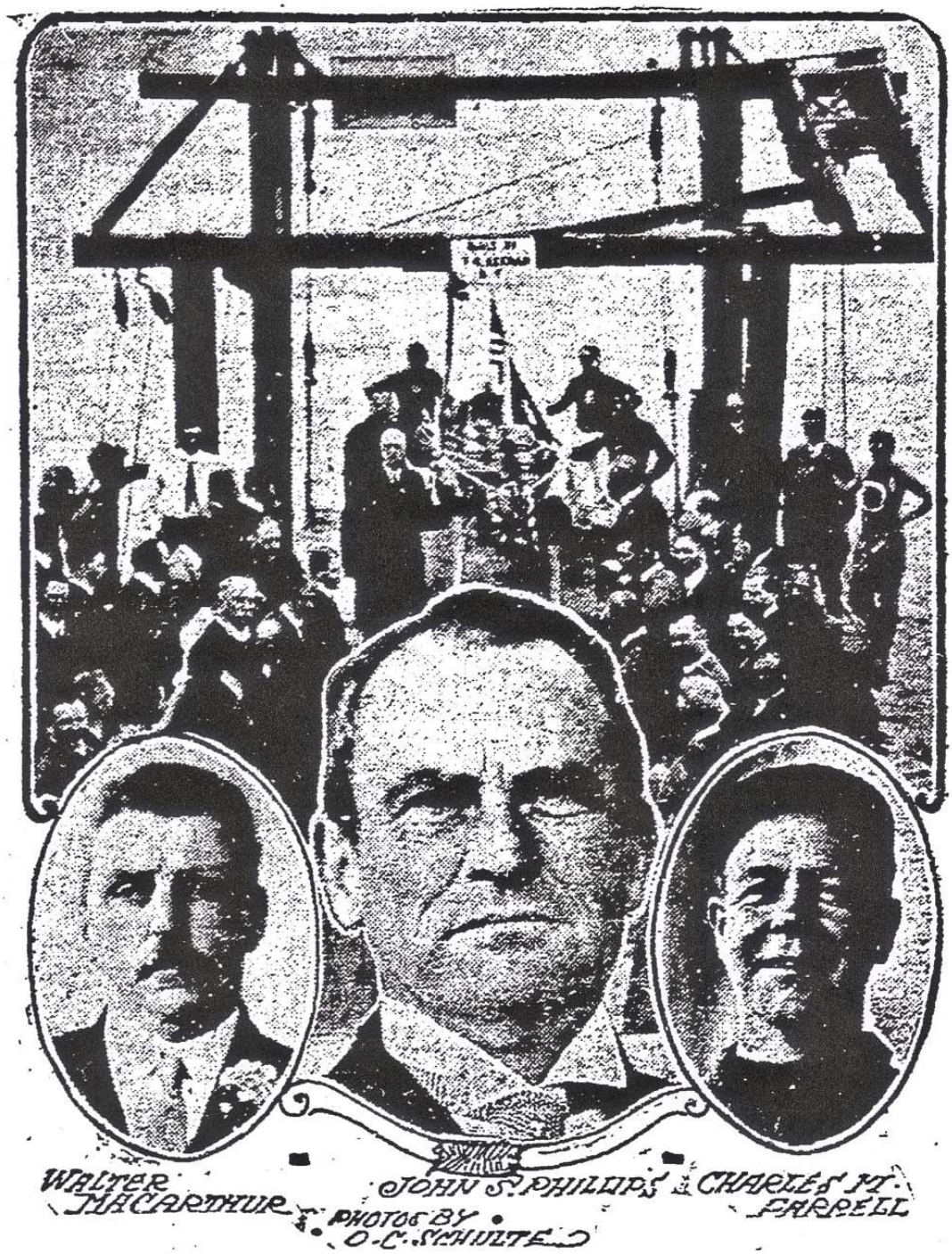
Dolphin's Shell Is Launched
Barge Oakland Takes Water



Some of the speakers at the launching of the shell Oakland yesterday at the Dolphin Club.

Launching of the "Oakland"

Sunday June 8, 1913

Presented by the Recreation League of San Francisco

Boat Club Members and Civic Officials Are Present at Impressive Ceremony

PROMINENT members of San Francisco boat clubs and visitors from Oakland attended the launching of the five-oared rowing barge Oakland yesterday afternoon at the Dolphin Swimming and Rowing Club, at the foot of Van Ness avenue.

The Oakland, one of the finest shells that ever floated in Western waters, was christened by Secretary Walker of the Oakland Merchants' Exchange. The shell was constructed by Thomas R. Keenan. The prize money won by the Dolphin representatives in the last two Fourth of July regattas at Oakland was appropriated to build the handsome barge.

Nearly 300 attended the launching, including representatives of the State Harbor Commission, the Aquatic Club, the Ariel Rowing Club and others.

A banquet was held just before the Oakland was launched. Several speakers from this city and from across the bay spoke briefly of the past and future of aquatic sports on the Pacific Coast. The banquet was held in the Dolphin Club. President John S. Phillips of the Dolphin Club was master of ceremonies.

The speakers were President Phillips, E. F. Mueller, president of the Oakland Merchants' Exchange; Wilbur Walker, secretary of the Oakland Merchants' Exchange; George E. Gallagher, member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Thomas Williams, member of the State Harbor Commission; Walter Macarthur, member of the Recreation League; Edwin Stearns, secretary of the Downtown Association of Oakland; James Wilson, secretary of the Ariel Rowing Club of San Francisco; James E. Rogers, secretary of the Recreation League; S. H. Bradley of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, and Edward Skelly of Oakland.

The building of the Oakland was by courtesy of the Oakland Regatta officials. The boat is thirty-eight feet long and seats five oarsmen and a coxswain. It is constructed of oak and white cedar, and is believed to be one of the fastest shells on the Coast.